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1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 D     2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This     3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowed closed in accordance with the practice under E	action is non-final. nce except for formal matters, pro		e merits is			
Disposition of Claims						
4) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-57</u> is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdray 5) □ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) □ Claim(s) is/are rejected. 7) □ Claim(s) is/are objected to. 8) ⊠ Claim(s) <u>1-57</u> are subject to restriction and/or of	wn from consideration.					
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Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119						
<ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>						
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-10,43-43 drawn to navigation of a web via voice queries, classified in class 704, subclass 270.1.
- II. Claims 11-42,54-57 drawn to word recognition using grammars, and selecting/choosing based on the extent of recognition, classified in class 704, subclass 251.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because Invention I relates to using voice queries and recognition as such to navigate the web, whereas Invention II is drawn to a drill-down process in matching and ranking possible recognitions of voice queries. The subcombination has separate utility such as word recognition in any type of speech application – the comparison process claimed in invention II relates to a

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method of distinguishing/comparing voice utterance recognition and a method of ranking the recognition results.

- 2. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 3. An attempt to contact applicant's representative was performed on June 26, 2006 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (571)272-7623,

who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Mr. Richemond Dorvil, can be reached at (571)272-7602. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Michael N. Opsasnick

Examiner

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